Fake identity cards of policemen in Delhi

1100. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seizure of several fake identity cards of policemen recently by a team of DTC ticket checking staff has been brought to the notice of concerned authorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to identify the racket involved and also to verify the antecedents of the persons possessing fake identity cards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) During the last two years, two such cases were reported to the police by DTC authorities. Both the accused persons were arrested. The investigation in these cases did not, however, reveal the involvement of any organized racket.

ISI link in the Kolkata terrorist attack

1101. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA. Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently arrested accused of Kolkata attack has affirmed his links with ISI of Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Pakistan has been provided with the affirmation of the accused; and

(d) if so, the Pakistan's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) and (b) As per information furnished by the State Government of West Bengal, investigation so far has revealed that the attack on US Information Centre, Kolkata was conducted under the guidance of the arrested accused, Aftab Ansari who has links with Harkat-ul-Jehad-e-Islami (HUJI) and Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT). He along with

others raised Asif Raja Ansari commando force for the purpose of the operation. All the aforesaid terrorist groups are reported to have close links with the ISI.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Crash course for Police Officers to deal with hostage crisis

1102. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government ha* contemplated to send a team of senior police officers to the US for crash course on how to deal with hostage crisis;

(b) if so, whether Government has studied the success rate of the US dealing with hostage crisis in its own land;

(c) if so, the number of incidents took place in the US in a decade and the rate of success achieved;

(d) whether our police are incompetent- to deal such situation in the country; and

(e) the total amount of foreign exchange going to be incurred for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) to (e) 21 officers drawn from various Central Police Organizations/States Police were deputed for a training programme on Hostage Negotiation held at Socorro, New Mexico, USA from 7th —18th January, 2002. This course was fully funded by the host country.

As regards success rate *etc.* in the USA, no such study has been made. Our police personnel are fully competent to deal with such situation in the country. However, training is desirable for enhancement/refinement of capabilities of our law enforcement officers.